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WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, MAY 9, 2008 – The South Dakota May 1, 2008, winter wheat production forecast is 77.0 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year's 95.0 million bushels, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The winter wheat yield for 2008 is forecast at 44.0 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1,750,000 acres, down 230,000 acres from 2007. Planted acreage, at 1,900,000 acres, is down 10 percent (200,000 acres) from last year.

May 1, 2008 on-farm hay stocks, at 1.93 million tons, are up 68 percent from May 2007. Hay disappearance from December 1, 2007 to May 1, 2008 was 5.89 million tons, up 48 percent from last year.

Access this complete report at:

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